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BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR BEALE AFB AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

FROM: 9 RW/CV

SUBJECT: Guidance Memorandum for Beale AFB Environmental Policy

Reference: (a) Department of Defense Environmental Management System (EMS) Memo,
5 April 2002
(b) Executive Order (EO) 13148 Greening the Government Through Leadership
in Environmental Management

1. Beale Air Force Base is committed to conducting its mission in an environmentally responsible manner that will protect human health, natural resources and the environment. In doing so, we will comply with all environmental laws and regulations applicable to the conduct of our mission and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance. This commitment goes beyond compliance with the law and encompasses the integration of sound environmental practices into our daily decisions and activities. We will continue to pursue a course of responsible environmental stewardship as follows:

a. Maintain an effective Environmental Management System (EMS), promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families and the environment.

b. Set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary and communicate results regarding the installation's operations and its environmental accomplishments to workers, the community, suppliers, regulators and the public.


c. Investigate and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices as appropriate, establish and implement an effective pollution prevention program, minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner.

d. Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the installation, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve energy efficiency.

e. Provide regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments and develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance situations.

2. Compliance with this Environmental Policy is the responsibility of every member of the Beale AFB community in accordance with his or her role and responsibilities in the organization.

3. The OPR for this policy is the 9 CES Environmental Office (9 CES/CEAN), 530-634-2643.


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